IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:	Confirmation No.: 2552
Timothy J. van Hook *et al.*	Art Unit: 2183
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For: **Alignment and Ordering of Vector Elements for Single Instruction Multiple Data Processing**

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Preliminary Amendment Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This Preliminary Amendment is being filed along with a Request for Continued Examination Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114. As payment of the issue fee has not yet been made, Applicants respectfully submit that filing under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 is proper.

It is not believed that extensions of time or fees for net addition of claims are required beyond those that may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this paper. However, if additional extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), and any fees required therefor (including fees for net addition of claims) are hereby authorized to be charged to our Deposit Account No. 19-0036.

This Amendment is provided in the following format:

(A) A clean version of each replacement paragraph/section/claim along with clear instructions for entry;